7: Gt. Brit., Colonial Office G-3 (1949-50) 1951 MM1 Aden MM1

The street lighting in the Crescent and Secretariat areas has been improved by the provision of fluorescent lighting of the latest type. In other areas the street lighting has been extended. [373] 365 377

The cost of electricity to the general public is 5 as. per unit for lighting and fans, and 2 as. per unit for refrigerators. The power rates for industrial purposes vary with the amount used and whether or not condensers are fitted to the motors. The average rate however is approximately 2·87 annas per unit in 1949 and 2·95 annas per unit in 1950 (an anna is 1·125 pence).

PUBLIC WORKS

New Buildings

The principal Government works or buildings completed in 1949 and 1950 are listed below : 653

By Contractors

24 houses in the Aidroos Valley Crater.
24 quarters for Police, Khormaksar.
New Police Station, Khormaksar.
2 primary schools for girls, Crater.
Primary school for boys, Crater.
3 expatriate and eleven staff quarters for Aden College.

By the Department

160 working-class houses, Sheikh Othman.
New Customs, Salt and Excise Office, Steamer Point.
5 houses for senior Government officials, Khormaksar.
Tuberculosis ward for 40 patients, Civil Hospital.
New record room and upper storey, Treasury Office.
Conversion of the marine craft unit camp into lines for the coal coolies, Maalla.
Upper storey over Barrack Nos. 2 and 3 Armed Police Lines, Crater.
Technical College Workshop, Maalla.
Extension to both boys' and girls' primary schools, Sheikh Othman.
Four extra class rooms, Boys' Primary School, Maalla.

Architect's Department

During 1950 the Architect's Department was strengthend by the arrival of an Assistant Architect from the United Kingdom and an Architectural Draughtsman from India, but shortage of trained staff is still a problem. 653 341

Schemes have been prepared and are now under consideration by Government for extensions to the Maternity Clinic, Crater, the new telephone exchange building, Maalla, and the building for the Government printing press, Tawahi. The Surveyor has carried out a large number of surveys in various parts of the Colony connected with proposed future building operations, but he too is handicapped by lack of staff.